EXTRACTS from the Journals of the Houſe of Commons, touching the College at Durham being converted into a Univerſity.

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A LETTER from the Sheriff and Gentlemen of the County of *Dureſme*, dated the Twenty-fourth of *April* 1650; with a Paper, intituled, "The humble deſires and Repreſentations of the Gentlemen, Freeholders, and Inhabitants of the County of *Dureſme*, delivered in by the Grand Jury at the Seſſions of the Peace holden at *Dureſme* the Twenty-fourth of *April* 1650, to be preſented to the Honourable Parliament of this Nation;" were this Day read. p. 410.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Obſtructions for Sale of Deans and Chapters Lands, to conſider of the deſires of the Gentlemen and others of that County, touching the converting ſome of the Buildings at *Dureſme*, called the College, which were the Houſes of the late Dean and Chapter, into ſome College, or School of Literature; to ſtate the Buſineſs; and ſend for the Surveys touching the Dean and Chapters Lands in the County of *Dureſme*; and report their Opinions therein to the Houſe. p. 410.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee concerning Hoſpitals, to conſider of the deſires of the Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of *Dureſme*, touching the ſetting out ſome Lands in particular, near adjacent to the City of *Dureſme*, for Payment of divers Sums of Money, and annual Payments to the Poor and School of *Dureſme*, and other pious Uſes; to conſider thereof; and report their Opinions therein to the Houſe. p. 410.

Ordered, That Sir *Henry Vane* ſenior do write a Letter to the Sheriff and Gentlemen of the County of *Dureſme*, to let them know, that this Houſe hath taken their Requeſts into Conſideration: And, as to the Matter of Burgeſſes, the ſame being now under Conſideration for all Parts within this Commonwealth, an equal care ſhall be had of them therein, with the reſt of the Nation: And, as to the reſt of their deſires, the Houſe hath put the ſame in a way of Examination, in order to their Relief. p. 410.

Ordered,

BRITISH MUSEUM

DURHAM COLLEGE.

17 *June*, 1651.

Ordered, That Sir *Arthur Heſilrig* do offer to the Houſe the Buſineſs touching the erecting a Univerſity at *Dureſme*, the firſt Buſineſs, to morrow Morning. p. 589.

18 *June*, 1651.

Sir *Arthur Heſilrig* reports, from the Committee of Obſtructions, touching *Dureſme-College* to be converted to a College or School, for all the Sciences of Literature; *viz.*

IN Obedience to an Order of reference from the Parliament, of the Eighth of *May* 1650, this Committee do humbly certify, that we have taken into Conſideration the Order, with the Petition of the Mayor, Aldermen, and Commonalty of the City and Suburbs of *Dureſme*, in reference to the deſires and Repreſentations of the Gentlemen and Freeholders of the County of *Dureſme*, to the Parliament.

We find, that the whole Scite of the Buildings at *Dureſme*, conſiſting of the Manſion-houſes and Buildings of the late Dean, and Prebendaries, and other Officers, belonging to the late Cathedral Church of *Dureſme*, called the *College*, contains about Six Acres: That the moſt of the Buildings are not inhabited, and no Rent paid for them; the Improvement of the Scite and Soil to be Thirteen Pounds Seven Shillings and Eight-pence *per Annum;* the Materials of the Houſes and Buildings valued in the Survey at Two Thouſand Four Hundred and Fifty Pounds: That the College is conceived to be ſituate in a pleaſant Place, and healthful Air: and where is Plenty of Proviſions: That the Place is far remote from either Univerſities; and the Buildings to be demoliſhed ſuppoſed not to reach near the Value ſet upon them, and which the ſame is worth to be continued to ſuch an Uſe.

The Committee are of Opinion, that the Scite and Buildings at *Dureſme*, called the College, is a fit Place to erect a College or School in, for all the Sciences of Literature: And that the ſame will be a pious and laudable Work, and of very great Uſe for the Northern Parts.

That

That this Caſe, ſtated, with the Opinion of this Committee, be reported to the Parliament.

Reſolved, That the Houſe do now proceed upon this Report.

Ordered, That it be referred to the Committee of Obſtructions, to examine the State of the Remainder of Dean and Chapters Lands, unſold; and whether there be ſufficient to diſcharge the Securities that are upon the ſame, over and above the Scite and Buildings at *Dureſme*, called the *College;* and, if they ſhall find, that the Security is not ſufficient, as aforeſaid, then to conſider how the Security may be ſupplied, by ſome Delinquent's Eſtate, or otherwiſe; and the ſaid Scite and Buildings may be ſettled to the Uſes and Intents in this Report; and report the ſame to the Houſe: [And that the Contractors, Truſtees, and other Officers for Sale of Dean and Chapters Lands, do forbear to contract for the Sale of the Scite and Buildings of *Durham*, called the *College*, or to make any Conveyance thereof, or of any Part thereof, until the Parliament take farther Order.]

The humble Petition of Dr. *Thomas Morton* late Biſhop of *Durham* was this day read.

Reſolved, That, out of the Arrears of the Revenue of the late Biſhoprick of *Dureſme* (not within the additional Act for providing Maintenance for Preaching Miniſters, and other pious Uſes) which are concealed, and not paid in to the State, and ſhall be diſcovered unto the Commiſſioners for Compounding *&c.* which did incurr, and grow due, before the Lands of the Biſhops were veſted in the Truſtees, the Sum of Fourteen hundred Pounds ſhall be paid unto Dr. *Thomas Moreton* late Biſhop of *Dureſme:* And that the ſaid Commiſſioners do take a ſpeedy Courſe for the bringing in of ſuch Arrears, and for Payment of the ſaid Fourteen hundred Pounds accordingly: And that the Acquittance and Acquittances of the ſaid Dr. *Thomas Moreton*, or his Aſſignee or Aſſignees, ſhall be a ſufficient Diſcharge to the Treaſurers, or ſuch other Perſons, as ſhall pay the ſame. p. 590.

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